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SUBJECT: GREEK WORLD SEMINAR IN ATHENS, JULY 1978

1. EMMANUEL PLAITAKIS, EDITOR OF GREEK WORLD MAGAZINE, HAS INVITED DEPTOFFS (VEST, BARBOUR, EWING, MORTON) TO ATTEND GREEK WORLD SEMINAR ON GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS TO BE HELD AT ATHENS HILTON JULY 26-27. CONFERENCE WILL BE SOMEWHAT SIMILAR TO THAT HELD LAST YEAR IN ATHENS, BUT FORMAT WILL DIFFER IN THAT TOPICS WILL BE DISCUSSED IN FOUR WORKING SESSIONS BY PANELS LARGELY COMPOSED OF AMERICAN ACADEMICS. PURPOSE IS TO ALLOW GREATER AND MORE INFORMAL EXCHANGE OF VIEWS. AMBASSADOR MCCLOSKEY, GREEK POLITICAL DIGNITARIES, SENATOR SARBANES, CONGRESSMAN BRADEMAS, MAYOR ALEXANDER OF SYRACUSE, AND OTHERS WILL BE INVITED AT LATER DATE TO PARTICIPATE IN FORMAL OPENING SESSION.

2. EUR/SE DIRECTOR EWING HAS BEEN PARTICULARLY ASKED TO PARTICIPATE ALONG WITH SARBANES AIDE HACKETT AS DISCUSSANT
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FOR PANEL ON "THE DYNAMICS OF GREEK-AMERICAN RELATIONS".

3. DEPT WOULD APPRECIATE EMBASSY VIEWS ON SEMINAR BASED ON 1977 EXPERIENCE AND PARTICULARLY WHETHER, IN YOUR VIEW, PARTICIPATION -- AND, IF SO, TO WHAT EXTENT -- BY DEPTOFFS

WOULD BE WORTHWHILE. WOULD APPRECIATE REPLY BY FEB 16.

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